

## MEMORANDUM

To: Parties to PSB Docket Nos. 7336 and 7307

From: Susan M. Hudson, Clerk of the Board

Re: Request for Additional Time to File Automated Metering Infrastructure Plan

Date: June 5, 2009

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On May 21, 2009, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation ("CVPS") filed a request for additional time to negotiate and file its Automated Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") Plan, as required by the Board's September 30, 2008, Order in Docket 7336. CVPS also stated that the issuance of a Board Order on the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") currently pending before a Hearing Officer in Docket 7307 (the Board's investigation into smart metering and time-based rates) would "help to remove barriers to the entry of a CVPS-specific AMI settlement by some parties."<sup>1</sup>

CVPS also asked whether it would be possible for the Public Service Board ("Board") to issue an order on the AMI Plan by October 1, 2009, and if so, when the Board would expect to see the AMI Plan and settlement proposals in order to meet such a schedule. If it is not possible for the Board to issue an order on the AMI Plan by October 1, 2009, CVPS asked that the Board set a schedule that would allow for the issuance of an order as close to that date as possible.

On May 27, 2009, the Vermont Department of Public Service ("DPS") filed a response to CVPS's letter. The DPS stated that the negotiations in this proceeding would be "materially aided by any guidance the Board can provide" regarding the MOU in Docket 7307.<sup>2</sup>

The Board has asked me to inform you that a Proposal for Decision on the MOU in Docket 7307 should be issued shortly.

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<sup>1</sup>Letter from Morris L. Silver, Esq., on behalf of CVPS, to Susan M. Hudson, Clerk, Board, dated May 20, 2009, at 1.

<sup>2</sup>Letter from Jeanne Elias, Special Counsel, and Geoff Commons, Special Counsel, DPS, to Susan M. Hudson, Clerk, Board, dated May 26, 2009, at 1.

The Board recognizes CVPS's desire to have a Board order regarding the AMI Plan as close to October 1, 2009, as possible. The Board cannot state whether it would be possible to issue an order by that date because the Board has no knowledge of what might be filed as the AMI Plan, what supporting materials will be provided with the initial filing, or whether any aspects of the Plan will be contested.

Therefore, the Board would like CVPS to file a proposed schedule with two tracks, one that assumes a full settlement of all issues by all parties to Docket 7336, and the other that assumes there will be contested issues. This proposed schedule should be filed one week after the Proposal for Decision on the MOU in Docket 7307 is issued.

Parties should file any comments on CVPS's proposed schedule within one week from the date the schedule is filed.